



The Calvin Ball Bulletin

Back To School Edition

August 2014



First Day School is **Monday, August 25th** and rapidly approaching! In this newsletter, you will find upcoming Open Houses, Back-To-School & other school related events for District 2 schools and students!

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EXCITEMENT:

Bellows Spring ES: New Student Orientation is August 21 9-10am; K B2S Night is August 21st 7-8pm; PreK/RECC B2S night & Open House is August 21st 7-8pm; K Open House is August 22nd 9-10am; Grades 1 & 2 Open House is August 22nd at 2pm; Grades 3, 4 & 5 Open House is August 22nd at 2:45pm

Deep Run ES: K Open House is August 22nd at 10am; Open House Gr 1-5 is August 22nd at 3pm; Back to School Picnic is August 26th at 6pm; B2S Night for K, 1 & 2 is September 16th 6:30-7:30pm K, 1 & 2; B2S Night for Grades 3, 4 & 6 is September 17th 6:30-7:30pm.

Ducketts Lane ES: B2S night for PreK/K/RECC is August 21st at 6:30pm; Open House is August 22nd at 2pm; B2S Night for 1 & 2 is September 15th at 6:30pm; B2S Night for GT is September 16th at 6pm; B2S night for 3, 4 & 5 is September 16th at 6:30pm

Jeffers Hill ES: New Student Orientation is August 22nd at 12:30pm; Open House is August 22nd at 1pm; B2S picnic, Thurs, September 11th – contact school for time

Phelps Luck ES: Pre-K Orientation is Thurs, August 21st at 1pm; Open House for K is Fri, August 22nd at 1pm and Grades 1-5 is at 2pm; B2S night for Grades 1/2 is Tues, September 16th at 6pm; Pre-K/K is Wed, September 17th at 6pm; Grades 3/4/5 is Thurs, September 18th at 6pm

Stevens Forest ES: PreK/K Parent Orientation is August 21st at 6:30pm; Open House is August 22nd at 2:30pm; B2S Night for Grades 1 & 2 is August 27th at 6:30pm; B2S Night for Grades 3-5 is August 28th at 6:30pm.

Talbott Springs ES: B2S Night for K is Thurs, August 21st at 6:30pm; Open House is Fri, August 22nd at 1:30pm; B2S Night for Grades 1/2 is Mon, September 15th at 6:30pm and Grades 3-5 is Tues, September 16th at 6:30pm; ES Model Parent Community Mtg is August 28th at 6pm;

Thunder Hill ES: New Student Orientation for Grades 1-5 is August 22nd at 1:15pm; Open House is August 22nd at 2pm; GT Parent Info Night is September 8th at 6:30pm; B2S Night for Grades K-2 is September 15th at 7pm; B2S Night for Grades 3-5 is September 16th at 7pm.

Waterloo ES: New Student Orientation K-5 is August 13th at 10am; RECC/PreK/K B2S Night is August 21st at 6pm; All Student Open House is August 22nd at 2pm; B2S Night - Grades 4/5 is September 15th at 6pm; 3rd Grade is September 15th at 7pm & GT Parent information night is September 18th at 6pm; B2S Night for Grade ½ is September 18th at 7pm.

MIDDLE SCHOOL MANIA:

Mayfield Woods MS: 6th Grade & New Student Orientation is August 21st at 1pm; B2S Night is September 10th at 6:30pm.

Oakland Mills MS: 6th Grade Orientation is August 21st at 1-2pm; Camp Preview for 6 Grade Students August 15th 9-11am (call school) B2S Night is September 10th 6-9pm

Thomas Viaduct MS: No info available at this time.

HIGH SCHOOL HAPPENINGS:

Howard HS: New Student Orientation is August 22nd 9am-11:30am B2S Night is September 4th at 5pm (SAT at 5pm, 6pm is Grade levels, 7pm is breakouts to meet teachers); Homecoming parade and game is October 24th. Dance is October 25th.

Long Reach HS: 9th Grade & New Student Orientation is August 21st at 8:30am; Carnival is August 22nd at 12pm; Senior Parent Info Meeting is August 28th at 6pm; B2S Night is August 28th at 6:30pm

Oakland Mills HS: New Student Orientation is August 21st 9am; B2S is September 3rd at 7pm; Homecoming is September 19th and 20th at 7pm

FREE & REDUCED MEALS FORMS

All students receiving free and reduced meals (FARM) must complete a new form each school year. Benefits are carried over each year but expire on September 30. Make sure you complete a new form by the expiration date. The form may be completed online or you can stop by the Front Desk at your respective school to pick up a hard copy. If you have questions or need assistance completing the application, please contact your school. Additional information, go [online](#) or call 410-313-6743.

DUAL ENROLLMENT TUITION BENEFIT (SB-740)

Dual Enrollment allows students to take courses & earn college credit and Howard Community College (HCC), while they are still in high school. Students must work with their HS guidance counselor if they are interested in earning HS credit by taking college courses. According to Senate Bill 740, some students may be eligible for a tuition benefit at HCC.

To be eligible, Howard County Public School System (HCPSS) students who are in an **approved HCC** course or courses & meet the criteria specified by HCPSS are eligible to receive this tuition benefit. **Students must obtain this approval from HCPSS.** Private and Home School Students are not covered under SB-740. For more details, click [here](#).

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Box Tops for Education is a program that helps raise money for your student's school. For every Box Tops coupon you cut out and send in, the registered school will earn approximately 10 cents. In addition, if you sign up at www.btf.com, you will have access to product coupons and have the opportunity to earn more for the school through shopping on-line at your favorite stores.

How can you help? It is quite simple. You can find Box Tops coupons on hundreds of grocery items. When you finish a product, clip them and send your collection into school. Most schools ask that you put them in a zip-top plastic bag with your child's name, grade and teacher. For details, contact your local school to identify their participation.

PTA MEETINGS

Parents are invited to join their students respective school PTA/PTSA. Membership fees vary based upon school. Below are upcoming meetings for the new school year. Parents are encouraged to attend and become engaged!

On Tuesday, September 2nd at 7:30pm, the PTA Council will host a general meeting at the HC Department of Education, 10910 Clarksville Pike in Ellicott City.

Bellows Spring ES – Monday, September 15th at 7pm
Deep Run ES – Monday, September 6th 7pm
Ducketts Lane ES – Not available at this time
Jeffers Hill ES – Monday, September 8th at 6:30pm
Phelps Luck ES – Not available at this time
Stevens Forest ES – Wednesday, September 3rd at 6:30pm
Talbott Springs ES – Thursday, September 18th at 7pm
Thunder Hill ES – Not available at this time
Waterloo ES – September 29th 7pm
Mayfield Woods MS – Wednesday, August 20th at 7pm
Oakland Mills MS – Tuesday, September 16th at 6:30pm
Thomas Viaduct MS – Wednesday, August 13th at 6:30pm
PTSA Organization Meeting
Howard HS – Typically meets 2nd Monday of the month
Long Reach HS – Typically meets 2nd Monday of every month, 7pm in the Guidance Office
Oakland Mills HS – September 11th 7pm



How to Receive Emergency/School Closing and Delay Information

Register [online](#). Parents who subscribe to this free service can also opt to get news from their child's school, and receive the school system's Weekly News, which provides valuable information on school activities and HCPSS-related information. For step-by-step instructions on signing up, visit www.hcpss.org/news/newsletter/subscribe.shtml.

HCPSS TV - Cable TV Comcast 95/Verizon 42

NotifyMeHoward - Register [online](#) and sign-up to receive news alerts from HCPSS.

Local media:

WBAL-TV – Channel 11

WRC-TV – Channel 4

WBAL-AM – 1090 Regional Emergency Broadcast Alert System

WTOP-FM – 103.5 Regional Emergency Broadcast Alert System

HCPSS Information Hotline 410 313-6666

Twitter – [@hcpss](#)

All the best,

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"Unity is strength... when there is teamwork and collaboration, wonderful things can be achieved." ~

Mattie Stepanek

